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1. We are sending you herewith 3 documents which may serve as background material for articles to be published in EL COMBATE: document A is a translation from an official Russian text, while B and C are anti-communist (though factual) studies. These documents are unclassified, but are NOT meant for straight translation and re-printing: they should rather be used to write around them articles specifically aimed at the situation in Guatemala and thereby more immediately appealing to the interest of the readers.

2. Document A describes the functioning of student committees in Soviet schools. This might be used to write an article "How the Communists plan to control education in Guatemala as soon as they have consolidated their power". In quoting from the document (source of document A should be stated), emphasis should be put upon the obvious dominating role of the Communist Youth League - KOMSOMOL -, acknowledged even in this official school regulation and upon the role of political education, noted in article II (3), c and d (red-lined by us).

3. Document B is an independent report on the WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION. This might be used for an article on the ALIANZA FEMENINA GUATEMALTECA, the well-known Guatemalan communist front organization for women, founded in 1947, which is a member of the WIDF. The AFG's Secretary for Organization and top leader, Sra Irma Chavez de Alvarado is also the head of the Women's Commission of the PGT; moreover, she is the wife of Bernardo Alvarado Monzón, the PGT Secretary for Organization. Sra. María Jerez de Fortuny, wife of the PGT Secretary General, a high-ranking government official (secretary general of the National Agrarian Department), is the AFG's Secretary of Finance.

4. Document C is an independent report on the World Peace Movement and might be tied in with the COMITE NACIONAL DE LA PAZ in Guatemala, founded 1949 and affiliated with the World Peace Council. The Secretary General of the Comité Nacional is Mario Silva Jonama, the PGT's Secretary for Education.

5. Both documents B and C should be used to stress the close ties existing between communist activities in Guatemala and the world communist movement, combatting the illusion that communism in Guatemala is but a "local phenomenon", as Arbenz and the other alleged "non-communists" in the Guatemalan government try to explain to public opinion at home and abroad.